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C. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 16-19, and 21 are currently present in the Application, and claims 1, 11, and 16 are independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, and 17 have been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no claims have been added.

Examiner Interview

Applicant notes with appreciation the telephonic interview conducted between Applicant's representative and the Examiner on September 1, 2005. During the telephonic interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the 102 reference (IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Security Audit Trail Provision for Personal Computers" June 1994, Volume Number 37, Issue Number 6B, hereinafter "IBM TDB"). In particular, Applicant's representative discussed that Applicant's invention writes utilization information to an electrically writeable read only memory area 1) when a system resumes from a power saving mode, 2) when a system is powered on, and 3) when a specific function of the system is selected.

In contrast, Applicant's representative discussed that the IBM TDB never teaches or suggests storing utilization information when a system resumes from a power saving mode. The Examiner stated that the IBM TDB teaches an "unattended start mode," and that the Examiner interpreted the unattended start mode as resuming from a power saving mode. Applicant's representative suggested that the unattended start mode is, in fact, the result from a power on sequence, and would research the term further.

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The Examiner stated that if the unattended start mode did not correspond with a resume from a power saving mode, that amending claim 1 to remove the limitations of storing utilization data during a power on sequence and storing utilization data during a specific function selection would place claim 1 in a position to read over the art of record.

After researching, Applicant's representative identified documentation that shows that those skilled in the art use the term "unattended start mode" to correspond with a power on sequence, which is discussed in detail below. Therefore, Applicant has amended claim 1 accordingly in this response in order to read over the art of record.

Drawings

Applicant notes that the Examiner did not indicate whether the formal drawings, filed with Applicant's application, are accepted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate whether the formal drawings are accepted in the next office communication.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 stands objected to because it depends upon a canceled claim 4. Applicant has amended claim 5 to depend upon claim 1, and respectfully request removal of the objection to claim 5.

Claim Rejections - Alleged Anticipation Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 11, 13, 16, 19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Security Audit Trail Provision for Personal Computers" June 1994, Volume Number 37, Issue Number 6B,

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hereinafter "IBM TDB". Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicant's independent claim 1 as amended is directed to "managing information that includes a plurality of keywords" with limitations comprising:

- storing utilization information of previous access to the information equipment along with at least one password in an electrically writeable read only memory having access controls that control access to reading and/or writing the utilization information and the password;

- informing a current user of the utilization information of previous accesses when the current user obtains access to the information equipment;

- writing utilization information of the current user's access into the electrically writeable read only memory for informing a future user of the current user's access and using the access controls to read and/or write utilization information and to block access of the current user for modification of such utilization information; and

- writing the utilization information when the information equipment resumes from a power saving mode.

As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the limitations of writing utilization information when the information equipment is powered on or when a specific function is selected. As a result, Applicant's fourth element of claim 1 includes the limitation of "writing the utilization information when the information equipment <u>resumes from a power saving mode</u>."

The IBM TBD discloses an "unattended start mode" (USM) that the Examiner interpreted as a mode that resumes from a power saving mode. After further review, however, the unattended

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start mode is, in fact, a mode corresponding to <u>a power on/power
failure sequence</u>. Specifically, IBM document "Understanding the
Diagnostic Subsystem for AIX," which can be found at
"http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/pseries/topic/com.ibm.
aix.doc/aixprggd/diagunsd/diagunsd.pdf" states (emphasis added):

> "When enabled, 'Unattended Start Mode' <u>allows the
> system to recover from the loss of AC power</u>. If
> the system was powered-on when the AC loss
> occurred, the system reboots when power is
> restored. If the system was powered-off when the
> AC loss occurred, the system remains off when
> power is restored." (page 29, lines 17-21)

In addition, IBM document "p690 Availability Best
Practices," which can be found at "www-
03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/pseries/hardware/whitepapers/p690_ava
il.pdf" states (emphasis added):

> "Use [unattended start mode] to instruct the
> service processor to <u>restore the power state of
> the server after a temporary power failure</u>.
> Unattended start mode can also be set through the
> System Management Services (SMS) menus. It is
> intended to be used on servers that require
> automatic power-on after a power failure.
>
> When ac power is restored, the system returns to
> the power state at the time ac loss occurred. For
> example, if the system was powered-on when ac
> loss occurred, it reboots/restarts when power is
> restored. If the system was powered-off when ac
> loss occurred, it remains off when power is
> restored." (page 11, section 2.1.5)

Furthermore, the IBM TBD itself infers that it does not
write utilization information when a system resumes from a power
saving mode because the IBM TBD states:

> "...the memory containing the six fields are write
> protected and remain write protected until the
> system is re-booted from a power off state.   A
> soft boot, such as the alt-ctl-del sequence does

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not reset the memory write protection mechanism."
(page 1, paragraph 6)

As can be seen from the above excerpts, the term
"unattended start mode" corresponds to a **power on/power failure
sequence** to those skilled in the art. Consequently, the IBM TBD
never teaches or suggests "writing the utilization information
when the information equipment resumes from a power saving mode"
as claimed by Applicant. Therefore, since the IBM TBD never
teaches or suggests all the limitations included in Applicant's
claim 1, claim 1 is allowable over the IBM TBD. Claim 11 is a
computer claim including the same limitations as claim 1 and,
therefore, is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claim
16 is an information handling system claim including the same
limitations as claim 1 and, therefore, is allowable for the same
reasons as claim 1.

Each of the remaining claims 3, 13, 19, and 21 each depend,
directly or indirectly, on one of the allowable independent
claims 1, 11, and 16. Therefore, claims 3, 13, 19, and 21 are
also allowable for at least the same reasons that their
respective independent claims are allowable.

Claim Rejections - Alleged Obviousness Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2, 5, 12, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM Technical Disclosure
Bulletin, "Security Audit Trail Provision for Personal
Computers" June 1994, Volume Number 37, Issue Number 6B,
hereinafter "IBM TDB". Applicants respectfully traverse these
rejections.

Claims 2, 5, 12, and 17 each depend, directly or
indirectly, on one of the allowable independent claims 1, 11,
and 16. Therefore, claims 2, 5, 12, and 17 are also allowable

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for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable.

Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests an early allowance of such claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney listed below if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining questions or issues related to this Application.

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